

FIRST COMPANY OF BOYS' FOOD BATTALION MARCHES ON CROPS

Thirty-two stalwart young men of the Valley Make Up First Field Force in Attacking Big Problem

Thirty-two strong, ambitious boys of the Boys' Food Battalion made a raid on the Scott cotton field near Glendale yesterday morning at 7 o'clock. They were armed with hoes and true American spirit and they soon put to rout the extra cotton sprouts. The commanders for this first attack were Messrs. Gamble, Carpenter and Stauffer. The boys cleaned up nearly 20 acres in seven hours time. Some of the boys got pretty tired but that was to be expected. However, every one worked faithfully and reported a great day.

They were served milk and remonade by Mr. Scott, the congenial rancher. Pictures were taken of the boys at work and at drill and will be displayed in show windows downtown. Many of the boys who will join the regular camp were not able to go out this week. Recruiting for the camp is going on at the Y. M. C. A. under Bob Boardman. Boys should see him at once if they want to join. The battalion will probably go into camp next Monday if the equipment arrives.

The following boys were out yesterday as the first to join the Boys' Food Battalion in the field.

Riston, Randall, Bryant, Bennett, Harrison, Kennedy, R. Boning Gotsinger, Fulton Zurch, Fulton, A. Boning, Lindstrom, Geo. Lohman, O. Malone, Gibbs, Samson, Blount, McGowan, Hill, Pinkerton, McKelroy, Flood, Williams, Shaw, Goody, Pierson, Sell, Thomas, Cuy, Goebel, Stone, Gilleland.

COCONINO HAS MANY PATRIOTS

Hats off to Cocconino county, Colonel F. S. Brown, state disbursing officer for the selective draft registration, announced with pardonable pride yesterday that his home county had reported that all the registrants in that county on June 2 would be done by volunteers. In fact, more competent men volunteered than can be used. Patrioticism meant more than \$4 a day to Cocconino residents.

Other counties in Arizona may do as well when registration day arrives, but the northern county was the first to report that there would be no pay men working in that county on June 2.

CITY MAY GET BIG INDUSTRY

Frank Weinstein, Maurice Goodman and William Detsch, proprietors of the Bear State Pants company, of Los Angeles, are in the city, having been induced to come here by Col. L. Byrnes to look over the field with the object of moving their plant here. They are well pleased with the town and the outlook and are only doubtful of their ability to secure the necessary number of employees. They employ about 300 women and girls in Los Angeles and would need at least that many here.

The firm is well established in Los Angeles where it has done an extensive business for several years. They stated that it is not their purpose to make the Phoenix house a branch of the Los Angeles plant but the main one. Such a plant as they would put in here would involve an expenditure of not less than \$100,000.

"BLOOD" IS PAINT
[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
EL PASO, May 28.—Stains on the curtains and floor rug of the seven-passenger automobile found in a garage at Lordsburg, N. M., and thought to have been the murder car in which Thomas Lyons, the aged New Mexico millionaire, was murdered on May 17 were pronounced to be red paint late

River Takes Its First Toll For Present Season

Elmer Ray Garland, a 13-year-old boy, was drowned in the river about eight miles below the city, in the St. Johns neighborhood, some time Sunday afternoon. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Sunday, Garland and the man for whom he was working, were near the river some distance above the St. Johns dam. They were on their way home when the boy said he would take a swim. His employer went on home expecting the boy would arrive in an hour or two. When he had not come at night, a search was made for him.

Word was sent to the sheriff's office and Deputies Warren and Balz went down and joined in the hunt, which was not ended until the middle of the afternoon, when the body was found at a considerable distance below the point where he was last seen. An inquest was held at the place where the body was found by Justice Wheeler. The mother of the boy, a Mrs. Underwood, lives at Tempe.

LATIN LEAGUE HEADS CALLED TO VERDE MINE

Dr. Chester L. Boido, supreme president of the Liga Protectora Latina and P. C. de la Lanza, supreme secretary, have been summoned to Jerome and leave for that place this morning, in connection with the strike there. There are some 300 members of the league in the affected district and the purpose of the trip of the two Phoenixians is to do what they can to keep the Mexican workers at their duties as miners in the Verde region.

The Liga numbers some 12,000 members and is a power in any Mexican situation. Since there are many Mexicans affected in the strike district it is desired to have the league officers do what they can to bring about an understanding which will keep the mines going since copper is so important at this time for use in connection with the war.

UNUSUAL TREAT OFFERED MESA

An unusual treat will take place this evening at the Mesa opera house given by Miss Carmelita Ward, a very gifted and brilliant pianist who will appear in recital assisted by Miss Florence McFay, a reader of note and a teacher of expression in the Phoenix Union High school.

Miss Ward has taken Miss Daisy Nottley's place as piano teacher at Mesa and has been very successful the past year and wishes the public to hear her in recital this evening. The concert is open to the public and an invitation is extended to all. There will be no admission fee.

today by Dr. Willis Waite, who analyzed the stains. Local detectives believed that the stains were caused by human blood. Detectives are now working here, in Silver City, N. M., and in other parts of New Mexico on various clues which may lead to the arrest of the murderer of the ranchman.

PLANS GROWING FOR MEETINGS ON WEDNESDAY

Drive for One-Day Census of Farm Conditions Will Be Striking Feature of Work in This Big Valley

Meeting chairman and speakers for the schoolhouse farm rallies to be held on Wednesday evening meet this morning in the chamber of commerce at 3 o'clock to discuss plans for making these meetings successful. The list of meeting places which started off with 23, then grew to 24, and now grown to 27, meetings at Buckeye, Palo Verde and Liberty having been added. In each of the 27 places there will be one or more prominent farmers in charge with one or more authoritative speakers. They will prove fitting and practical finale to Memorial day, their significance being to gather in the one great drive the crop information which the government in its hour of need must have.

It is planned in this big drive to ascertain by means of district maps and other blanks, which will be provided by Government Agent W. A. Barr and those assisting him in this work, the exact crop conditions of this section. The information is sought not from mere curiosity but facts will be gleaned which will show what practical crop conditions are in this section. For example, the acreage in outstanding crops will be ascertained, the seed condition will be canvassed, what plans are being made will be learned and, perhaps most important of all, the meetings will find out what help individual farmers will need to secure maximum results. If they need financial help an effort will be made to get it for them. If they need a shortage of labor, that need will be found and a solution sought. If seed is lacking a way will be discovered to get the needed supply. Plans for co-operative and individual sales will come to light and others arranged and so on through a long list, the information being placed upon the particular district map at which the meeting is being held.

It is the intention that the meetings will be held in the afternoon, the information being placed upon the particular district map at which the meeting is being held. The meetings will serve as an exchange of ideas, furnish advice in the solution of problems and make men helpful to each other as they should be. For all of these reasons, it is expected that practically all the farmers of this section will be on hand at the meetings Wednesday evening.

FOOD SURVEY BILL PASSES HOUSE BUT VOTE NOT RECORDED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, May 28.—The administration's food survey bill, first of the food control measures, was passed by the house today without a record vote. It appropriated \$14,750,000 for an immediate investigation of the country's food resources and for measures to stimulate production. A similar bill is under debate in the senate and may be passed there Wednesday.

The agriculture department expects to present a fairly accurate estimate of food resources within three weeks after the bill is signed by the president. Secretary Houston announced today. As soon as the measure becomes a law the department will start its 17,000 employees and the 150,000 voluntary crop reporters to work on the investigation. The preliminary report to be made within three weeks will be supplemented with monthly reports and probably by a further complete report within six months if necessary.

Material gathered will be turned over to Herbert C. Hoover, who will be named to head a food administration as soon as the pending regulatory food measure becomes law.

The survey bill passed virtually as it came from the committee. Miss Rankin, the woman representative from Montana, inserted an amendment which would require the department of agriculture to use women in the survey work whenever practicable. An amendment by Representative McKenzie of Illinois, would make all persons employed under the bill to military service, and another would permit citizens to refuse to go more than 300 miles from their homes or places of business to testify in a food inquiry.

As originally drafted the bill carried more than \$18,000,000, but committee changes reduced the total. These are the principal amounts appropriated: For seed, \$5,750,000; education for increasing production by waste elimination and conservation, \$4,250,000; general survey, \$2,522,000; eradication of livestock diseases and livestock employment work, \$885,000; miscellaneous items, \$247,000; and eradication of plant diseases and insects, \$441,000.

Many republicans, including former Speaker Cannon, repeatedly attacked the measure as wasteful, particularly as to the survey feature. Chairman Lever of the agriculture committee, declared heatedly in closing debate today they were raising a false issue.

"It is not economy that these gentlemen desire to propagate but that accounts for the opposition to the bill," he said. "It may be that the opposition can be counted for because we are carrying power in the bill to go into storage concerns and find out who is hoarding and who is speculating."

The senate devoted the day to debating and adopting an amendment by Senator McKellar, reducing the appropriation for the eradication of the cat-tick and other livestock diseases from \$1,823,000 to \$825,000. A motion to eliminate an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for seeds to be sold to the farmer at cost by the department of agriculture and for the eradication of plant diseases was pending when the senate adjourned.

NOMINATION APPROVED
PEKING, May 28.—By a vote of 388 to 75 the house of representatives today approved the nomination of Li Ching Shai, the minister of finance, as premier in succession to Tuan Chi Jul, who was dismissed by President Li Yuan Hung May 23.

The senate is expected to approve the action of the lower house on Monday.

Li Chang Hsi is a nephew of the late Chinese statesman Li Hung Chang. He was governor of Kwangsi in 1907 and again in 1904-1905.

WOMEN PLAN AN AUXILIARY FOR STATE COUNCIL

Meeting Is Called for the Afternoon of Memorial Day to Organize to Stop Waste in Homes of State

Economy in the home, elimination of waste in the kitchen, judgment in food buying, selection of foods and preparation of them in a manner most conducive to the health of the individual are some of the objects of an organization to be effected among the women of Phoenix and the Salt River valley at a meeting at the state house on Wednesday, May 30. The call for the meeting was made in the following letter from the Arizona Council of Defense to the committee on production, conservation and distribution of food supplies of the Arizona Council of Defense.

You are urged to attend a meeting at the senate chamber in the state house at Phoenix on Wednesday afternoon, May 30, at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of perfecting an organization of women to work in connection with the committee on production, conservation and distribution of food supplies of the Arizona Council of Defense.

The affiliation of the women of Arizona with the great work undertaken by the Arizona Council of Defense has been voluntary throughout the state, and their enthusiasm is bringing excellent results along the many lines of constructive defense.

As stated in the call for the meeting, the proposed organization of the women is to be in affiliation with the sub-committee of the Arizona Council of Defense on production, conservation and distribution of food supplies, of which Dr. E. B. von Klein Smid is chairman. On no sub-committee is the burden of more important work placed than this one and for that reason the assistance and co-operation of the women of the state is desired.

It is the intention that the organization of women, which will be made at the state house in Phoenix on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, will be extended to include all the state.

AMUSEMENTS

Fascinating Film at Columbia

Today Robert Warwick, who numbers his film followers in hundreds of thousands, again makes his appearance as a seismick picture star at the Columbia theater in a screen version of the great detective drama, "The Argyle Case." This is the only time that the great detective, who has been a favorite throughout the country when originally produced with Robert Hilliard in the central role.

The authors of "The Argyle Case," Harriet J. O'Hara and George M. Cohan, conceived the idea from the exploits of the famous private detective William J. Burns, the first of the modern school of crime detectors to make use of the detective's own resources. As soon as their production as realistic as possible, the authors called in Mr. Burns as collaborator and in producing the picture Director Ralph W. Ince also sought the famous detective's aid.

George M. Cohan, at Lamara
As a distributor of mirth and general good cheer, it is safe to say that George M. Cohan has no equal on the stage today. Quite the most dominant, popular and conspicuous figure we have had in the amusement field for a decade, Mr. Cohan, seemingly at will, turns out a successful and fascinating song number, evolves a rapid fire farce or dramatizes a novel, always with the sure touch of the genius that makes the student who has acquired the knowledge of the stage and its technique at first hand and therefore presents his work with absolute authority. His recent affiliation with the Artcraft Pictures corporation, marked the advent to the motion picture industry of another acquisition of great import to the future of the art. Mr. Cohan will be seen at the Lamara today, Wednesday and Thursday in his greatest success "Broadway Jones."

SOUTHERN BEAUTY TO BECOME BRIDE



Miss Miriam Mansfield Ward.

The engagement of Miss Miriam Mansfield Ward of Savannah, Ga., and Herbert G. Dunlevie, a prominent lumberman of the same city, has just been announced. The wedding will take place in the fall. Miss Ward has achieved a reputation for being one of the prettiest girls in the south.



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